



AGRICULTURAL PRICES

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Prices Received by Florida Farmers

Florida Citrus producers received \$5.49 per box in December for oranges and \$7.01 per box for grapefruit. Tangerines and mandarins price per box were \$14.46 and tangelos were \$6.06 per box. The December milk price was \$26.40 per hundredweight, 70 cents above November, and \$3.20 above December 2011. The peanut price was \$0.263 per pound, down from 0.265 in December 2011.

United States Price Index

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 201 percent, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 5 points (2.4 percent) from November. The Crop Index is down 8 points (3.4 percent) but the Livestock Index remained unchanged. Producers received lower prices for milk, lettuce, turkeys and eggs and higher prices for soybeans, broilers, cattle, and grapes. In addition to prices, the overall Index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly movement of wheat, milk, broilers, and hay offset the decreased marketing of corn, soybeans, cattle, and grapes. The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 22 points (12 percent) from December 2011. The Food Commodities Index, at 187, decreased 3 points (1.6 percent) from last month but increased 18 points (11 percent) from December 2011.

Index Summary Table

Index	December 2011	November 2012	December 2012
Prices received.....	179	206	201
Prices paid	206	218	217
Ratio prices received to prices paid	87	94	93

Average Price Received by Farmers

[Current month prices are mid-month; prices for previous months and are for the entire month.]

Commodity	Florida			United States		
	December 2011	November 2012	December 2012	December 2011	November 2012	December 2012
MEAT ANIMALS						
Cows ¹ dollars per cwt				70.50	76.80	76.80
Steers & heifers ¹ dollars per cwt				126.00	128.00	130.00
Calves ¹ dollars per cwt				157.00	161.00	162.00
Hogs, all ¹ dollars per cwt				63.50	61.10	62.90
MILK , all ² dollars per cwt	23.20	25.70	26.40	19.70	22.00	21.10
POULTRY						
Broilers, live ¹ dollars per pound				0.470	0.570	0.600
Table eggs ¹ dollars per dozen				1.100	1.020	0.957
CITRUS, ON TREE						
Oranges..... dollars per box	6.37	5.39	5.49	7.29	8.46	6.54
Grapefruit dollars per box	7.26	7.10	7.01	7.18	8.49	7.44
White dollars per box	6.99	6.92	7.75			
Colored..... dollars per box	7.33	7.14	6.89			
Tangerines and Mandarins dollars per box	6.61	10.22	14.46	20.11	17.60	22.63
Tangelos..... dollars per box	6.63	8.18	6.06	6.63	8.18	6.06
FIELD CROPS						
Potatoes dollars per cwt	(S)	(S)	(S)	9.06	7.39	7.26
Hay, All baled dollars per ton				174.00	193.00	192.00
Peanuts dollars per pound	0.265	(D)	0.263	0.308	0.328	0.344
Corn ¹ dollars per bushel				5.86	7.02	7.01
Cotton, Upland ¹ dollars per pound				0.889	0.684	0.688
Soybeans ¹ dollars per bushel				11.50	14.30	14.70
Wheat, Winter ¹ dollars per bushel				6.41	8.38	8.24
VEGETABLES						
Beans, snap ¹ dollars per cwt				69.10	55.80	63.50
Corn, sweet ¹ dollars per cwt				14.90	26.70	31.90
Cucumbers ¹ dollars per cwt				(S)	28.30	29.70
Tomatoes ¹ dollars per cwt				26.50	45.10	52.70

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
(S) Insufficient number of reports to establish an estimate.
¹ Only marketing year average prices are estimated for Florida, except broilers, and eggs which are not estimated.
² Before deductions for hauling and government withholding, and includes quantity and other premiums, but excludes hauling subsidies.

Highlights-United States Prices Received by Farmers: December 2012

All Crops: The Index, at 228 decreased 3.4 percent from November but is 15 percent above December 2011. The price decreases for fruit & nuts, feed grains & hay, and commercial vegetables more than offset the price increases for oilseeds and food grains.

Food Grains: The Index, at 268, is 1.1 percent above the previous month and 13 percent above a year ago. The December price for all wheat, at \$8.33 per bushel, is down 13 cents from November but \$1.13 above December 2011.

Feed Grains and Hay: The Index, at 299, is down 1 percent from last month but 19 percent above a year ago. The corn price, at \$7.01 per bushel, is down 1 cent from last month but \$1.15 above December 2011. The All Hay price, at \$192.00 per ton, is down \$1.00 from November but up \$18.00 from last December. Sorghum grain, at \$12.30 per hundredweight, is 10 cents below November but \$1.80 above December last year.

Cotton, Upland: The Index, at 114, is up 0.9 percent from November but 22 percent below last year. The December price, at 68.8 cents per pound, is down 0.4 cents from the previous month and 20.1 cents below last December.

Oilseeds: The Index, at 261, is up 3.6 percent from November and 23 percent higher than December 2011. The soybean price, at \$14.70 per bushel, increased 40 cents from November and is \$3.20 higher than December 2011.

Potatoes and Dry Beans: The Index, at 139, is down 3.5 percent from last month and 17 percent below December 2011. The all potato price, at \$7.26 per hundredweight, is down 13 cents from November and \$1.80 lower than last December. The all dry bean price, at \$36.70 per hundredweight, is down \$2.50 from the previous month and \$5.30 below December 2011.

Fruits and Nuts: The Index, at 183, is down 9.0 percent from November but 16 percent higher than a year ago. The price decreases for oranges and lemons more than offset the increase in prices for grapes and apples.

Commercial Vegetables: The Index, at 134, is down 9.5 percent from last month and 1.5 percent below December 2011. Price declines for lettuce and broccoli more than offset price increases during December for onions and tomatoes.

Livestock and Products: The Index, at 168, is unchanged from last month but up 7.0 percent from December 2011. Compared with a year ago, prices are higher for broilers, milk, cattle, and calves. Prices for eggs, turkeys, and hogs are down from last year.

Meat Animals: The Index, at 161, is up 0.6 percent from last month and 3.2 percent higher than last year. The December hog price, at \$62.90 per hundredweight, is up \$1.80 from November but 60 cents lower than a year ago. The December beef cattle price of \$125.00 per hundredweight is up \$2.00 from last month and \$5.00 higher than December 2011.

Dairy Products: The Index, at 162, is down 3.6 percent from a month ago but 7.3 percent higher than December last year. The December all milk price of \$21.10 per hundredweight is 90 cents less than last month but up \$1.40 from December 2011.

Poultry & Eggs: The index, at 185, is up 0.5 percent from November and 14 percent above a year ago. The December market egg price, at 95.7 cents per dozen, decreased 6.3 cents from November and is 14.3 cents less than December 2011. The December broiler price, at 60.0 cents per pound, is up 3.0 cents from November and 13.0 cents higher than a year ago. The December turkey price, at 66.9 cents per pound, is down 8.2 cents from the previous month and 4.6 cents below last year.

Prices Received for Selected Agricultural Commodities by month - United States: 2011 and 2012

[Current month prices are mid-month; prices for previous months are for the entire month. Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun.]

Month	All wheat		Corn		Soybeans		Beef cattle ¹		All hogs	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)
January	6.69	7.05	4.94	6.07	11.60	11.90	107.00	125.00	56.00	63.50
February	7.42	7.10	5.65	6.28	12.70	12.20	108.00	127.00	61.40	65.50
March	7.55	7.20	5.53	6.35	12.70	13.00	115.00	128.00	62.90	65.20
April	8.01	7.11	6.36	6.34	13.10	13.80	119.00	124.00	67.80	62.80
May	8.16	6.67	6.32	6.34	13.20	14.00	112.00	122.00	68.60	62.80
June	7.41	6.70	6.38	6.37	13.20	13.90	107.00	121.00	69.70	70.20
July	7.10	7.93	6.33	7.14	13.20	15.40	111.00	114.00	71.70	72.10
August	7.59	8.04	6.88	7.63	13.40	16.20	111.00	117.00	75.80	66.90
September	7.54	8.27	6.38	6.89	12.20	14.30	112.00	121.00	67.10	55.70
October	7.27	8.38	5.73	6.77	11.80	14.20	117.00	123.00	68.70	62.00
November	7.30	8.46	5.83	7.02	11.70	14.30	120.00	123.00	64.40	61.10
December	7.20	8.33	5.86	7.01	11.50	14.70	120.00	125.00	63.50	62.90

¹ Includes cows, steers, and heifers.